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SUBJ: PLANNED SHIPMENTS OF SUGAR TO THE US IN FIRST NINE MONTHS
OF 1975

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1. AMBASSADOR HAPPENED TO MEET WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL ANTONIU OF ROMANIA'S FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPORTS OF FOOD PRODUCTS, PRODEXPORT, ON DEC. 20. IN COURSE OF DESCRIBING PRODUCTS PRODEXPORT WOULD LIKE TO SHIP TO THE US IN 1975, ANTONIU MENTIONED SUGAR (PRESUMABLY REFINED BEET SUGAR). WHEN ASKED HOW THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE, GIVEN CURRENT SHORTAGES IN LOCAL STORES, ANTONIU REPLIED THAT ROMANIA WOULD NOT HAVE ANY SIZEABLE QUANTITIES AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT FROM CURRENT CROP IN ANY CASE. IF PRICES REMAINED EXTREMELY HIGH, HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT ROMANIA MIGHT "SACRIFICE" ITS DOMESTIC ECONOMY TO SOME EXTENT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM. WE WERE LEFT WITH IMPRESSION THAT NO FIRM PLANS OR QUANTITIES HAD BEEN DECIDED YET.

2. 1974 SUGAR PRODUCTION FIGURE IS NOT AVAILABLE, BUT MUST HAVE FALLEN FAR SHORT OF 1974 PLAN OF 595,000 TONS, SINCE
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ESTIMATED SUGAR BEET PRODUCTION WAS 4,731,000 TONS (REFTEL B)

INSTEAD OF 1974 GOAL OF 7,350,000 TONS.

3. FOR NEXT CROP YEAR, ANTONIU MENTIONED THAT 1975 SUGAR BEET ACREAGE WOULD BE INCREASED. RECENTLY PUBLISHED 1975 ECONOMIC PLAN CALLS FOR SUGAR BEET PRODUCTION OF 8,560,000 TONS AND SUGAR PRODUCTION OF 555,000 TONS.
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